

Remarks

Claims 1-54 are currently pending in the Application and Claims 53-54 are herein withdrawn without prejudice from consideration by the Examiner.

Allowable Claims

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to Claims 1-52.

Summary of claim amendments

This response amends Claims 50 and 52 to recite "The process" instead of "The method." Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in originally filed Claims 49 and 51. This amendment is **not** offered in response to the Examiner's rejections and is not intended to limit the scope of the claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 53-54

Withdrawn Claims 53-54 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Claims 53-54 in divisional or continuation applications.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

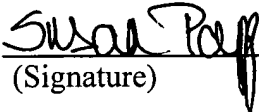
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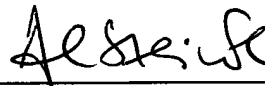


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